

So-Casual Wycombe Irk Supporters

Wycombe Wanderers 0;

Redhill 1.

IT was a sparse enough gate at the start of Wycombe Wanderers' friendly fixture with Redhill on Saturday—but it was a lot sparser long before the end, as hundreds, wearying of the Wanderers' waffling, wandered home disconsolate to telly's balm.

"It may be a friendly, but this is ridiculous," one supporter commented in ire as the casual inconsequence of Wycombe's first half display degenerated in the second to a pantomime of farcical flapdoodle.

There was a spell early on when it looked as if the journey of the faithful would prove worth while. But it was so fleeting a spell. Any hope 17-years-old Bob Cross had of making an impression in his senior team début soon vanished in the home forwards' aimless, so-casual peregrinations, which ex-Wycombe stalwart Johnny Weaver played a prominent part in upsetting.

DISASTER

Neither side looked at all like scoring in the first half, which ended in disaster for unlucky Redhill, with their right-back, Colin Fowler, carried off to hospital with a broken leg.

The visitors' 37-years-old coach, Des Quinn, who gave up playing last season, turned out in the second half at right-back, as substitute for Fowler—and within three minutes the leisurely tackling of the home defenders gave inside-right Tom Sibley the chance to hip through on his own to beat Brown with a well-placed shot.

So far from injecting some degree of urgency into the Wanderers' play, the goal only

seemed to add to their slap-happy aimlessness and almost ludicrous succession of mistakes and bungling, drawing laughs and jeers from exasperated supporters.

Not the least bewildered spectator must have been a Notts Forest scout who devoted his afternoon to Wycombe talent spotting!